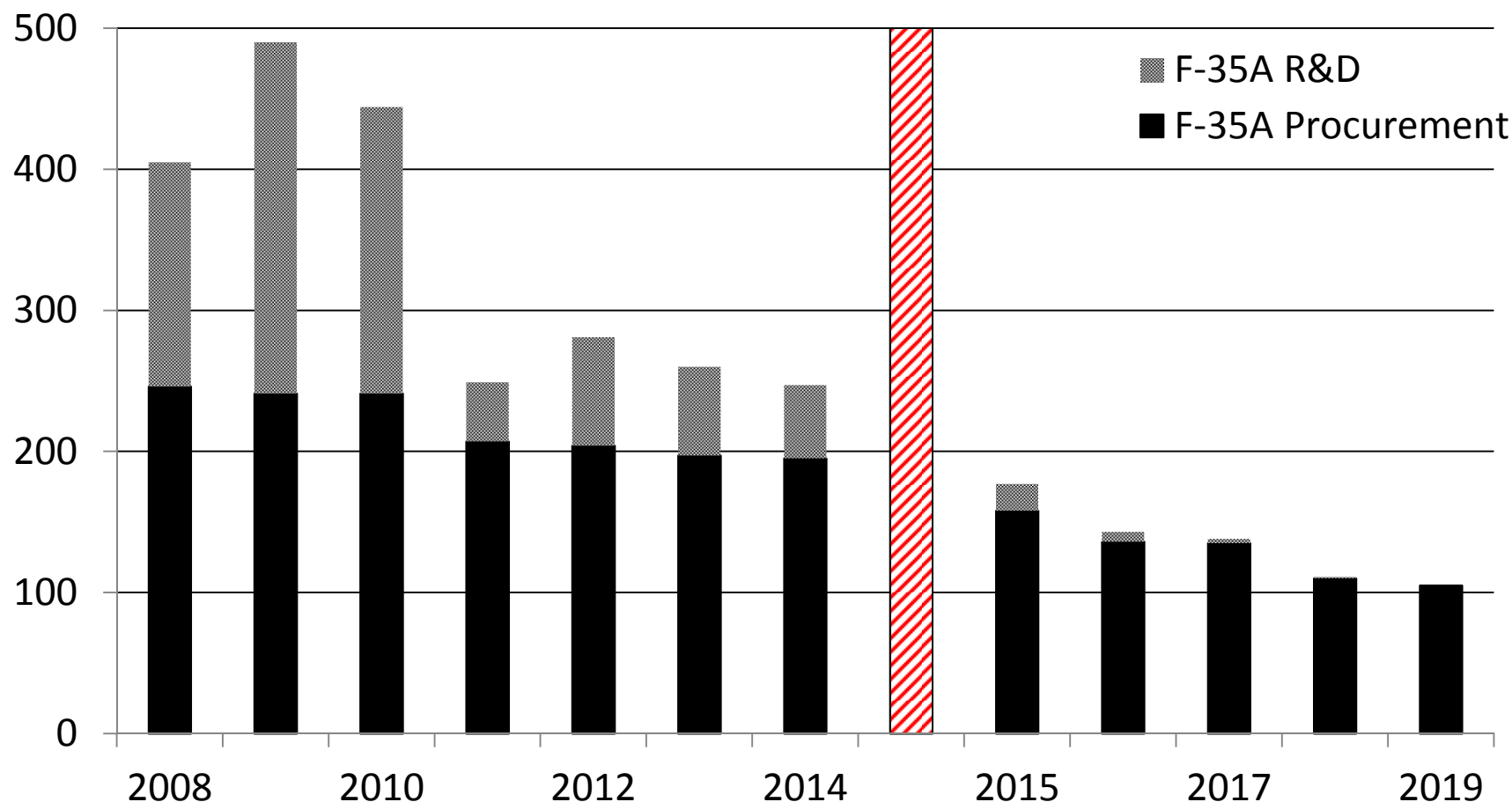


# US DOD Actual and Projected F-35A Unit Costs

(Procurement + R&D, TY \$millions. Does not include “concurrency,” etc. costs to come.)

Source: Joint Strike Fighter Selected Acquisition Report (SAR) Released March 2012 at

[http://www.dod.mil/pubs/foi/logistics\\_material\\_readiness/acq\\_bud\\_fin/SARs/DEC%202011%20SAR/F-35%20-%20SAR%20-%202031%20DEC%202011.pdf](http://www.dod.mil/pubs/foi/logistics_material_readiness/acq_bud_fin/SARs/DEC%202011%20SAR/F-35%20-%20SAR%20-%202031%20DEC%202011.pdf)



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Striped bar between FY 2014 and 2015  
denotes departure from credible estimates.

# Cost per Flying Hour: F-35A vs. Others (\$2011 x 1,000)

Estimate for operating 65 F-35As for 8,000 hours-lifespan (not including acquisition):

US DOD = ~\$20 billion; Wheeler/CDI = ~\$30 billion (Then Year dollars)

